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SUBJ: GATT ARTICLE XXVIII NEGOTIATIONS--JAPAN SKI BOOTS

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1. JAPANESE MISSION (WADA) INFORMS US THEY NOW CLOSE TO SETTLEMENT WITH EC ON JAPANESE ART XXVIII ACTION ON SKI BOOTS. EC IS PRINCIPAL SUPPLIER AND HAS INR; EC COMMISSION MUST NOW COORDINATE WITH MEMBER STATES. JAPAN PROPOSES THAT CONCESSIONS BEING OFFERED EC BE ACCEPTED BY US AS FULL COMPENSATION. WADA SUPPLIED LETTER NOTING THAT AVERAGE ANNUAL US EXPORTS TO JAPAN DURING 1971-73 OF COMPENSATION ITEMS, 669 MILLION YEN, IS SOME 700 PERCENT OF 95 MILLION YEN TRADE COVERAGE OF IMPAIRMENT ITEM. ALSO NOTED DUTIES COLLECTABLE WAS HIGHER.

2. WADA SAID JAPAN ACCORDINGLY NO LONGER SEEKING COMBINED SETTLEMENT THIS ITEM WITH US ACTIONS ON BALL
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BEARINGS AND CERAMIC TABLEWARE AS REPORTED REFTTEL (A).

COMPENSATION THESE ITEMS NOW BEING SOUGHT SEPARATELY (SEPTTEL). WADA NOTED JAPAN NOW OFFERING RE-BINDING OF PLASTIC SKI BOOT DUTY AT 27 PERCENT; THIS IS ALSO CHANGE FROM EARLIER JAPANESE POSITION REPORTED REFTTEL (A).

3. WADA ASKED IF US COULD REACT TO THIS PROPOSED SETTLEMENT QUICKLY, AS THEY HOPE GIVE DIET TIME COMPLETE ALL NECESSARY AUTHORIZATION BEFORE SUMMER RECESS.

4. COMPENSATION INCLUDES WIDE VARIETY OF ITEMS, MOSTLY EX-OUTS FROM CATEGORIES OF BUILDING MARBLE, MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS, FURNITURE PARTS, CIGARETTE LIGHTERS, KNIT FABRICS, TRACTOR ENGINES, TELEPHONIC APPARATUS, ACCOUNTING MACHINES, ILLUMINATING GLASSWARE AND MIRRORS. DEPTH OF CUTS AS SMALL AS REDUCTION FROM 7.5 PERCENT TO 6 PERCENT AND AS LARGE AS REDUCTION FROM 30 PERCENT TO 15 PERCENT AND FROM 7.5 PERCENT TO ZERO. DETAILED OFFER LIST AND COPY OF WADA LETTER BEING POUCHED EB/OT/TA (BARRACLOUGH), COMMERCE (MONTGOMERY), AND STR (GARLAND).
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